



# GATEWAY CITIES

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Dear Mr. Yun:

Hawaiian Gardens

## Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant – Preliminary Recommendation Comments

Huntington Park

La Habra Heights

La Mirada

Lakewood

Long Beach

Lynwood

Maywood

Montebello

Norwalk

Paramount

Pico Rivera

Santa Fe Springs

Signal Hill

South Gate

Vernon

Whittier

County of Los Angeles

Port of Long Beach

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments is very pleased to see that the Gateway IRWM Region's planning grant application has been recommended for funding under Proposition 84 by the Department of Water Resources staff and want to express support for the award of this grant to the Gateway IRWM JPA.

The Gateway Cities Region is a tremendously diverse area of nearly 2 million people. Twelve of our 26 cities are classified as disadvantaged communities. The Gateway IRWM JPA has structured its governing board to include officials from disadvantaged communities, water retailers and wholesalers, and water quality advocacy groups, ensuring that all stakeholders have a direct say in guiding, selecting, and participating in the decision-making process for both regional planning and implementation efforts. The funding recommended by DWR for planning efforts will enable the Gateway Authority to efficiently and effectively coordinate a truly inclusive planning and implementation process.

I appreciate the enormous undertaking by Department of Water Resources to craft guidelines and solicitations to carry out the IRWM program and encourage your continued support of the Gateway IRWM Authority comprehensive water resources planning efforts.

Sincerely,

Gil Hurtado

President, Board of Directors

Gateway Cities Council of Governments